

C
O
P
Y

IHC-M-2
ATTACHMENT

6 May 1968

National Security Agency
Workshop Program

Networks of Computers (NOC-68)

1. The Director, NSA, has approved NSA sponsorship of a five day Workshop Program on the subject "Networks of Computers" to be held at Ft. Meade, Md., beginning 14 October 1968.

2. The purpose of this Workshop is to bring together the available expertise for the purpose of pooling of ideas, implementations, and techniques. Participation is planned for NSA's Scientific Advisory Board, and their contacts throughout Education and Industry. Participation from other Government Agencies is also being encouraged, with a number of initial contacts already established.

3. Our Workshop format will be to have three pairs of sessions, one each covering the generalized topics listed below. Each Session will have two co-chairmen, one from within Government and one from external sources. Each co-chairman will coordinate participation, papers, and other inputs from his own environment, thus producing a balanced program across Government and Industry. The six sessions now under consideration are:

- a. Software, operating systems, languages
- b. Network protocol, handshaking, philosophy, procedures
- c. Computer security
- d. Hardware considerations, remote terminals, reliability, evaluation of performance
- e. Data bases, standards, file organization and management
- f. User education

4. It is the hope of NSA that other Government Departments and Agencies will wish to participate in this Workshop Program. Physical environmental considerations limit the number of full-time participants to approximately fifty, and it is therefore NSA's intention to limit attendance to only hard-working contributors. Openings are available for Session co-chairman, participants, presentation of papers, and suggestions in general. It is our desire to firm up our Workshop Program by the end of May 1968, thus participation by other Government sources must be made known within the very near future.

5. Requests for participation and/or information may be made to either [redacted] Workshop Chairman, (301) 688-7757, (tie line) 188-7757, or [redacted] Executive Secretary, (301) 688-7917, (tie line) 188-7917.

AT
AT